

VAIZARD



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Sama, known as a Vaizard, is one of many protectors of ancient tambs and their priceless treasures. When a young archaeologist—Asuka—hires him for her first assignment, Sama never imagined that he would one day stand beside her in defense of the entire world. An ancient, magical weapon has been recovered from a tamb. Its purpose: to help a madman conquer the planet. Together, the young archaeologist and her Vaizard will fight the menacing mastermind behind the takeover, and with Sama's brawn and her brains, they will pick their way through the tamb raiders and ancient beasts, meeting some mind-manipulators and mummies along the way!

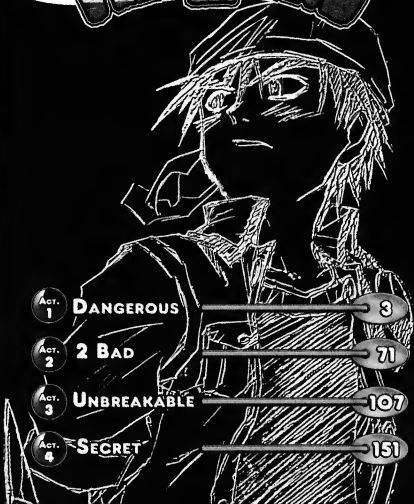
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WIZARD

WIZARD



ACT.
1

DANGEROUS

3

ACT.
2

2 BAD

71

ACT.
3

UNBREAKABLE

107

ACT.
4

SECRET

151



AAAAAH!







EVEN
IF YOU
ARE THE
PROPERTY
OWNER,



THE ALLIANCE
OFFICIALLY
REQUESTED THAT
I SEARCH THOSE
RUINS!

HOW
MANY
TIMES
MUST
I TELL
YOU, MR.
BANDOT?



YES,
THIS LAND
IS MINE.
I CAN DO
AS I PLEASE
WITH MY
OWN
PROPERTY.



WHO'S
GONNA LISTEN
TO SOME
PLATFORM
SHOE-WEARING
GEEZER LIKE
YOU?

BE A GOOD
GIRL, AND
NOTHING
BAD WILL
HAPPEN
TO YOU.



BOND,
AARON.
TEACH
HER A
LESSON!

KIDS
THESE
DAYS
DON'T
HAVE ANY
MANNERS.

HYAAAA!





WHAT
THE
HELL?
WHO
ARE
YOU?!



GYAARGH!

I'M FROM
THE WEST
SIR-RADIN
ALLIANCE.



ME?
THE
NAME'S
SOMA.

I'M
SOMA
THE
VAIZARD!

AND DON'T
YOU FORGET
IT!



THEN
HE MUST BE
MY CONTRACTOR
FOR THIS JOB...

A VAIZARD?!



I DIDN'T
EXPECT
A VAIZARD
FROM THE
ALLIANCE TO
SHOW UP SO
QUICK. MAYBE
WE SHOULD
PULL BACK
FOR NOW.



I'M
NOT TOO
HAPPY
ABOUT YOU
PUSHING
MY CLIENT
AROUND!



WAIT
FOR
US,
BOSS!!

WOW,
HOW CAN
HE WALK
WITH
THOSE
SHOES?



QUIT
LAYIN'
AROUND!
WERE
LEAVING!

YES,
SIR!



AND DON'T
COME BACK!

EXCUSE
ME.

SMACK

SMACK



SO,
WHAT'RE
YOU GONNA
DO? YOU
WANNA
END
UP LIKE
THAT GUY?



I'M
ASUKA.
I REQUESTED
YOUR
HELP IN MY
RUIN
RESEARCH...



THE
ONE AND
ONLY.

YOU'RE
SOMA
RAITEST,
AREN'T
YOU?



WOW...



OH.

THOSE
ARE THE
RUINS
OVER
THERE.



THE
ANCIENT
RUINS
OF THE
BELMOAN
PEOPLE.



THEY
LEFT YOU
HERE
ALONE?

WELL,
YEAH, I
GUESS
SO.

THEY ALL
LEFT BECAUSE
BANDOT AND
HIS GOONS
WERE
HARASSING
THEM.



I DON'T
SEE ANY OF
YOUR TEAM
AROUND...



OH.

ANYHOW,
HERE'S THE
ENTRANCE.

YEAH...
THAT WON'T
OPEN WITH
A NORMAL
CARD.



THIS IS MY
FIRST JOB.
MY CAREER
AS AN
ARCHAEOLOGIST
IS JUST
STARTING!

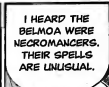


I CAN'T
LET THOSE
CREEPS
STOP ME
NOW...



I HEARD
THAT
ALL OF
THOSE

ARE
UNDER THE
ALLIANCE'S
CONTROL.



I HEARD THE
BELMOA WERE
NECROMANCERS.
THEIR SPELLS
ARE UNUSUAL.

WE'LL
NEED
A HIGH-
LEVEL
DISPEL
CARD.



YOU HAVE
SOMA, THE
BEST VAIZARD
FROM THE
WEST UNION.
I WON'T LET
THEM GET YOU.



HEY,
YOU
DON'T
NEED TO
WORRY.

GRRROWL

OH.

YEAH, THIS
CITY IS LOCATED
RIGHT BETWEEN
THE WEST AND
THE EAST.

I'M FROM
THE WEST, TOO,
BUT THIS IS
THE FIRST TIME
I'VE BEEN SO
CLOSE TO
THE EASTERN
BORDER.

THERE ARE
6 DISTRICTS
IN THE
WEST
ALONE.

1st Western
District,
Lanbarde
City.





YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
THE DARK
ERA,
RIGHT?

OOPS



HMMM,
WHERE
SHOULD
I START?



THEN THEY
USED THOSE
WEAPONS TO
FIGHT EACH
OTHER, AND
WREAKED HAVOC
ON OUR WORLD.

THEY
DESTROYED
EVERY RUIN
IN THEIR
SEARCH
FOR THE
STRONGEST
MAGICAL
WEAPONS.

YES.
IT WAS
ABOUT 200
YEARS AGO.
POWERFUL MEN
FOUGHT FOR
CONTROL OVER
THIS WORLD OF
VARKLIDE.



AND THAT'S
HOW THE
SIR-RADIN
ALLIANCE WAS
FORMED.

THE WEST
AND THE EAST
WEREN'T SPLIT
UP IN THE PAST.

THE
UNIONS
WERE
ESTABLISHED
TO PROTECT
THE MAGIC
TREASURES.

WHEN THE
WAR FINALLY
ENDED,
THE WORLD
ITSELF WAS
IN RUINS.





WE ALSO
STRENGTHEN
SEALS THAT
ARE WEARING
OUT...



ONE THING
WE DO IS
ASSIST RUIN
RESEARCHERS.
LIKE I'M DOING
NOW.



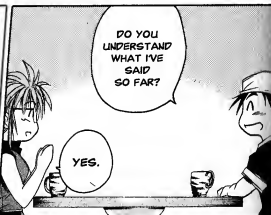
WE'RE
JUST
GOOFING
AROUND.

BUT
WE'RE
NOT!

AND RECAPTURE
TREASURES
FROM TREASURE
HUNTERS. WE
WORK PRETTY
HARD. IT MIGHT
LOOK LIKE...



SO,
IN
OTHER
WORDS...



DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHAT I'VE
SAID
SO FAR?

YES.



YOU GUYS
ARE THE KNIGHTS IN
SHINING
ARMOR, WHO
PROTECT
TREASURES
AS IF THEY
WERE
PRINCESSES!

?



THAT'S NOT
EXACTLY WHAT
I MEANT... BUT,
SHE'S REALLY
CUTE, SO WHO
CARES?

ALL RIGHT!
NOW I CAN
FINALLY
BREAK THE
SEAL ON
THAT
DOOR!



HERE
YOU GO.
DON'T
LOSE IT,
NOW.

SOMA.

OF
COURSE
I DID!

DID
YOU BRING
A DISPEL
CARD?



SO THE
PUNK IS A
LADIES' MAN.
THIS MIGHT
COME IN
HANDY...



IT WORKS
ON 50
DIFFERENT
KINDS OF
SEALS.
TO UNDO
A SEAL,

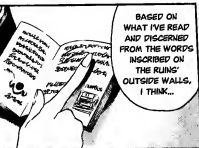
ALL YOU
NEED TO DO
IS RECITE THE
APPROPRIATE
CONVERSION
SPELL.



ONLY THE
ASSOCIATION
MAKES
THIS KIND
OF CARD.



DON'T
TELL ME
THAT'S...
I GOTTA
TELL THE
BOSS!!



BASED ON
WHAT I'VE READ
AND DISCERNED
FROM THE WORDS
INSCRIBED ON
THE RUINS'
OUTSIDE WALLS,
I THINK...



WE CAN USE THIS CARD
TO GET INSIDE, BUT DO YOU
KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE
RUINS BESIDES THE FACT
THAT
THEY'RE
BELMOAN?

YES,
A
LITTLE...



THE
ANCIENT
BELMOANS'
MAGICAL
WEAPON IS
INSIDE.



WE DIDN'T
ACT QUICKLY
ENOUGH, AND
THEN WORD
SPREAD ABOUT
THE RUINS. THEN
THAT GIRL
CAME HERE TO
START HER OWN
RESEARCH...



I NEVER
THOUGHT
THAT MUD
SLIDE LAST
MONTH WOULD
EXPOSE THE
RUINS.

NO
KIDDING.



IF IT WAS
USED BY
BELMOANS
TO DESTROY
5 KINGDOMS
IN JUST
A WEEK...

I WILL GET
TO IT FIRST!
IF THE STORY
PASSED DOWN
THROUGH
MY FAMILY
IS TRUE...



HAVE YOU
HEARD?
HE'S
BALD AND
HEARS
PLATFORMS!

EXCUSE
ME FOR
BEIN'
SHORT
AND BALD!

NICE
PLATFORMS!

BALD!

THOSE
KIDS
HAVE
GOTTA
GO!



THEN MY
DREAM OF
RULING THE
WESTERN
CONTINENT
COULD COME
TRUE!



THAT GIRL
FINALLY
GOT THE
DISPEL
CARD!

OH,
AARON.
FIND
ANY-
THING?

SHE
COULD
ENTER
THE RUINS
ANYTIME
NOW!

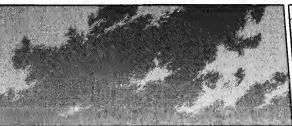


BOSS!
BIG
NEWS!!

GA-CHACK



SHACK





GOOD
NIGHT!



I
BETTER
GET
SOME
REST,
TOO.



YAAAWN.



AAAAAUUUGH!

(EARS
10 TIMES AS
SENSITIVE
AS NORMAL
MAN'S)



A
DAMSEL
IN
DISTRESS!!
I AM
CERTAIN!

THAT
SCREAM
CAN ONLY
BE FROM...



RUN
SOMA,
FASTER
THAN
LIGHT!!



SOUNDS
LIKE SHE'S
MAYBE
A LITTLE
OLDER
THAN ME.

Soma can distinguish a woman's age by the frequency of her voice.



NOOO!
SOMEBODY
SAVE ME!





GIMME
SOME
SUGAR,
BABY!



ARE YOU
OKAY, MISS?

TWINKLE



OH WELL.
MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY...



HEY, IT'S
THAT GUY
FROM
EARLIER.



IT'S NO PROBLEM.
I KNOW OF A
HOT SPRING
NEARBY.

REALLY?
A HOT
SPRING?!



THAT
MAN
ALMOST
HAD
HIS WAY
WITH
ME.

YOU'RE
OKAY NOW, BUT
YOU'VE GOTTEN
YOURSELF ALL
MUDDY.

SCORE!
SHE'S
AS HOT
AS I
EXPECTED!!



WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO JOIN ME?
I'LL BE
GLAD TO...
WASH YOUR
BACK.



JOIN HER?
SHE'LL
WASH
MY BACK?!



HEH HEH.
SHE'S
FAST
ASLEEP.



PARDON
ME...



HMM?

YES!
I FOUND
IT!!



NOW'S
MY
CHANCE.



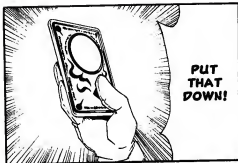
HUH?



WAIT,
YOU
DON'T
LOOK LIKE
SOMA.



IS THAT
YOU, SOMA?
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?



**PUT
THAT
DOWN!**



NOOO!!!



HEY!



GONE WITHOUT A TRACE

SOMA?



**SOMA,
WAKE UP!
THE CARD
IS...**



**HEY,
YOU!
STOP!**





MAN,
IS THIS
A STROKE
OF LUCK!

OH YEAH!
I'M IN
HEAVEN!

おほおほ
WHOA...



Come
here,
baby.



OH,
SOMA,
DEAR...

YES,
JAMAL!



I CAN'T
GO OUT
THERE LIKE
THIS.

GULB

GULB





**YOU'RE
DEAD!**



MY LITTLE
BROTHER,
BANDOT, AND HIS
MEN MUST HAVE
YOUR CARD BY
NOW. I BET
THEY'RE
ALREADY IN
THE RUINS!



AND
THERE'S
NO TELLING
WHAT'LL
HAPPEN TO
THE GIRL!

HYA
HA
HA HA
HA!





HEH,
IF THAT'S
HOW
THEY WANNA
PLAY...



THEN
COUNT
ME IN.

I'LL HAVE
TO TEACH
THEM A
LESSON.

FSH000



WHAT A
VAIZARD'S
POWERS
ARE ALL
ABOUT!!

I'LL
SHOW
THEM...





Grbmph!



A TRAP
AT THE
ENTRANCE
AND A
SECRET
PATH?





WHAT A
LOVELY
WELCOME!

WOOOO



I GUESS
I SHOULDN'T
BE SURPRISED.
THE BELMOANS
WERE FAMOUS
NECROMANCERS
AFTER ALL!



I DON'T
HAVE
TIME FOR
THIS.

CRAP!

SMASH

JUNGE

Keh
keh



SKELETONS,
EH?



HUH?



UNGH...



ARE YOU
KIDNAPPING
ME,
TOOT?

HUH?
NO
WAY!

INSIDE
THE
RUINS,
JUST
LIKE YOU
WANTED.



HEY,
WHERE
AM I?



WHAT A
LOAD OF
CRAP! IT'S
JUST SO
THE ALLIANCE
CAN STAY IN
POWER.

"ALL MAGICAL
TREASURES
AND RUINS ARE
UNDER THE
ALLIANCE'S
PROTECTION,
AND SHALL NOT
BE ACCESSED
WITHOUT
PERMISSION."

YOU GUYS ARE
GONNA BE IN SO
MUCH TROUBLE!!
ARTICLE 3 OF THE
TREASURE CONTROL
ACT CLEARLY
STATES...



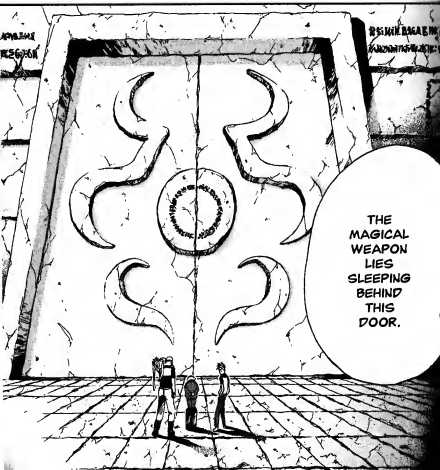
HERE
WE
ARE.

THE LAW
WAS ENACTED
AFTER THE
DARK ERA TO
DEAL WITH
PEOPLE LIKE
YOU!



THIS
IS THE
PLACE.

HUH?



APRIL 1988
REGION

REINBAKEN
KUNSTSTADT

THE
MAGICAL
WEAPON
LIES
SLEEPING
BEHIND
THIS
DOOR.

HYAAAAA!





DAMMIT,
I'VE ALREADY
LOST TOO
MUCH TIME!
TELL ME HOW
TO GET TO
THE INNER
PART OF
THESE RUINS
NOW!





ASUKA!!



HEH HEH.
WHAT
TOOK YOU
SO LONG?





SOMA!

**DAMN
YOU,
BANDOT!**



**YOU'RE
THE
ONE WHO'S
IN FOR IT,
BOY!**

**LET ME
SHOW YOU
THE POWER OF
THE MAGICAL
WEAPON!**

**YOU'VE PUT
ME THROUGH
A LOT OF
CRAP, HAVEN'T
YOU, BALDY?
YOU'RE
IN FOR IT
NOW.**



THE
GIANT
OF
HADES!!

HONOR
THE
ANCIENT
PACT
AND
RISE
FROM
YOUR
GRAVE!

DAMN...
NO
WAY!

Flee
Flee

WHOOOR

WHOOO



THIS IS THE
LEGENDARY
ULTIMATE
WEAPON OF
BELMOA
THAT
DESTROYED
FIVE
KINGDOMS!!

HA HA HA HA!
A HUNDRED
MUMMIES
WERE FUSED
TOGETHER
WITH A **FORBIDDEN**
SPELL TO MAKE
THIS MONSTER!



IT'S
QUITE
SIMPLE.



THE
BELMOANS
ARE
SHROUDED
IN MYSTERY.
HOW DO
YOU...

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
ALL THAT?
THIS RUIN
WAS ONLY
RECENTLY
UNCOVERED.



IT SHOULDN'T
BE SUCH A
SURPRISE. THIS
AREA WAS
ONCE RULED
BY THEM.

THE
BLOODLINE
WAS
DILUTED,
BUT SOME
TRUE
BELMOANS
STILL
EXIST.



I AM A
DESCENDANT
OF THE
BELMOANS!





YOU'LL
MAKE FOR
GOOD
PRACTICE,
BOY.

IT HAS
ONLY JUST
AWOKEN, SO
I SHOULD
TEST IT
OUT.

I HAVE NO
MAGICAL
ABILITIES,
BUT MY
BELMOAN
BLOOD GIVES
ME COMMAND
OVER THIS
MONSTER.

I CAN'T
USE ITS
POWER LIKE
MY ANCESTORS
DID, BUT
I CAN EASILY
BRING DOWN
A COUNTRY
OR TWO!

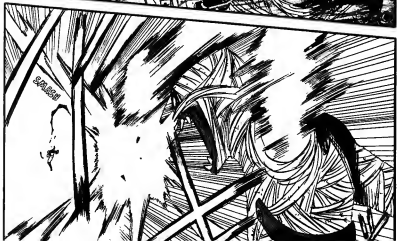


AND
DON'T TRY
ANYTHING
STUPID,
OR ELSE!



THIS
GUY'S
REALLY
STARTING
TO
IRRITATE
ME.

ALL
RIGHT,
THEN!
IT'S
SHOW-
TIME!



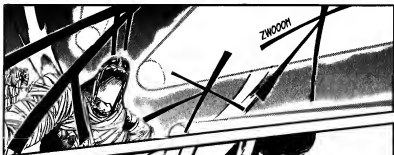




HA HA!
IT STILL
HAS
AMAZING
POWER, EVEN
IF I CAN'T
USE MAGIC!



SOMA!



HAA HAH!
TAKE
THAT!
AND
THAT!
AND
THAT!!!



HE'S
GETTING
CARRIED
AWAY. AT
THIS RATE,
WE'LL BE...







CRASH





SOMA!



LURRGH



THE
GAME'S
NOT
OVER
YET.



NICE TO
HAVE A
CUTE GIRL
WORRYING
ABOUT
ME.



BUT
DON'T
WORRY,
ASUKA.
I'M NOT
GONNA
LOSE.



SURE DO!
I'M JUST
GETTING
STARTED.

STILL
HAVE SOME
SPUNK LEFT
IN YOU,
EH BOY?



HEH HEH.
I WONDER HOW
LONG YOU'LL
HOLD OUT.



THIS
CONTINENT
IS OURS.

THEY'RE
IGNORING
ME.

I DIDN'T
EXPECT
THE
MONSTER
TO HAVE
THIS MUCH
POWER.



IF I COULD
JUST GET
FREE, HE
WOULDN'T
HAVE TO
PUT UP
WITH THIS.



IF I ESCAPE
NOW,
IT'LL HELP
SOMA.

OKAY,
I'LL DO
IT!





HUH?

**WATCH
OUT!
BEHIND
YOU!**



ZA-BWAM



ASUKA!





I'M
OKAY,
BUT...



ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
ASUKA?



THAT'S
WHAT YOU
GET FOR
MESSIN'
WITH US,
GIRL.

ASUKA!



YOU
CAN'T
LOSE
THIS
FIGHT.



YOU'RE
A REAL
PAIN
IN THE
ASS.

I'LL
JUST
SEND THE
BOTH OF
YOU TO
HELL.

HRMPH!
I DON'T
NEED A
HOSTAGE
NOW,
ANYWAY!



I WON'T.
I PROMISE.



FLUNCH

ENOUGH
IS
ENOUGH!





Hear
my voice,
and gather
before me!

Spirits
of
War...



IS
THAT...
**ANOTHER
MAGICAL
WEAPON?!**



Lend me
your great
strength!



Let our
powers
be one. Now,
by the ancient
covenant...

Together,
we will
destroy evil!



BUT
I'LL BE
THE
VICTOR
IN THIS
GAME!

A DUEL OF
MAGICAL
WEAPONS?
THIS IS
GETTING
INTERESTING!

BLOW
THAT
KID
AWAY!

SHAWOOO



MS-ZWING



Grand
Force
Cannon!



Strong!

WOOOON



WHAAAA?!





oooooooooo--





YOU WENT
BERSERK,
AND THE
RUINS WENT
KABOOM,
RIGHT?

SO BASICALLY,
YOU GOT
REALLY MAD
BECAUSE THEY
HURT ME.

I FIX
AND
PROTECT
RUINS.

AND
WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEAN?

I'M A
YALZARD.

WHAT IS
YOUR
OCCUPATION?

YES,
THAT'S
RIGHT.
(IN
FALSETTO)

I WANT OUT!
THESE
GETUPS
SUCK

GIVE UP, BOSS.

IT'S ALL
RIGHT NOW.
THOSE
BOZOS ARE
IN THE PEN.

WHAT IS THIS?

HOW DO WE
FIX THIS?

THE
ALLIANCE
WILL TAKE
CARE OF THE
RUINS AND
SEAL THEM...

IT
WAS A
SET-UP,
I TELL
YA.

THEN HOW
DID THIS
HAPPEN?!

THIS IS
YOUR
FAULT!

LOSE
THE
DOLL!



NO
MATTER
HOW LONG
IT TAKES.



AS
FOR
ME...

THERE'S
A GUY
I'M AFTER.
AND I HAVE
TO FIND
HIM...



EH?!

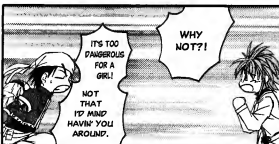


I'M
COMING
WITH
YOU.

BUT, I'M
OPEN FOR
A DATE,
ANYTIME!

ON THAT
NOTE,
I NEED
TO GO.

ADOS!





HUH?!

THAT'S
SO
MEAN.



SORRY.
NO
MEANS
NO.



YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO
MESSED
UP MY
FIRST
JOB.



I
GUESS
IT WAS
MY
FAULT.



REALLY?
ALL
RIGHT!

OKAY.
YOU CAN
COME
FOR A
LITTLE
WHILE.

YIKES!

SHW



I COULD'VE
CONTINUED
RESEARCHING
THE RUINS
IF YOU
HADN'T BLOWN
THEM UP.

IT'S ALL
YOUR
FAULT!

SOB

SOB



UH,
OH...



YES.
I THINK
SO,
TOO!



LET ME HAVE
YOUR STUFF.

WELL,
I GUESS
WE'LL
HAVE
SOME
FUN.



THAT'S
A
SECRET!

WHY DO
YOU NEED
ALL THIS
STUFF?

BY
THE
WAY,





I'M SORRY.
I COULDN'T
SAVE YOUR
PARENTS OR
THE OTHER
TOWNSPEOPLE.



YOU DO
KNOW THAT
NOT EVERY
ONE CAN
BECOME
A VAIZARD,
RIGHT?



I WANT
TO BE STRONG.





IF I STRAIN
ANY HARDER,
I THINK I'M
GONNA CRAP
MY PANTS.

UM,
ASUKA...



IT'S
NOT A
JOB FOR
A GIRL
LIKE ME.
GOOD
LUCK!
♡

I'M SURE
A MIGHTY
VAIZARD
LIKE YOU
WILL BE
FINE.



YOU'RE
RIGHT,
I GUESS
I'LL FORGIVE
HIM.

WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
ASUKA? HE
SOUNDS
PRETTY
TIRED.



ACTUALLY,
IT AIN'T
SO EASY...

CAN
YOU TALK
TO HER,
NIGEL?



AHHH...



THAT
WAS
SO
MEAN!

LOOK, I'VE GOT
A DANGEROUS
ASSIGNMENT.
I DIDN'T WANT
TO INVOLVE
ANYONE ELSE.



I'M
SORRY,
ALL
RIGHT?

YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
BE SO
ANGRY!



Two days
earlier...



HE
RAN
OFF!

TREMBLE

HE...

please don't
come looking
for me.

Soma

TREMBLE

DON'T
BE MAD,
ASUKA.
THIS IS
FOR
YOUR OWN
GOOD.

SHE'S CUTE...

IT'S BEEN
ALL RIGHT UP
TO NOW, BUT
I DON'T
KNOW HOW
DANGEROUS
IT'S GOING
TO GET FROM
HERE ON OUT.

...

AH,
HELLO,
THERE.

JOIN
THE
ROUTINE
INSPECTION
AT THE
DAMRADAN
RUINS...

Goho Republic Communication Card
The communication system used in Soma's
Alliance. Using translocation magic,
it can transmit messages and holographic
images in real time.

MAN,
THAT
GIRLS
STACKED

Beep-
Beep-

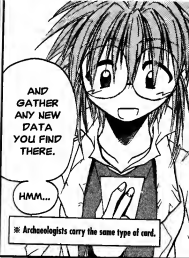
IT'S A
PAIN
HAVING
NORMAL
MISSIONS
TOO!

IT'S
FROM
HQ.



THAT
SHOOK
THE WEST
DURING THE
DARK ERA.

I BELIEVE
THAT'S
THE RESTING
PLACE OF THE
LEGENDARY
"SYNTHESIZED
BEAST"...



AND
GATHER
ANY NEW
DATA
YOU FIND
THERE.

HMM...

※ Archaeologists carry the same type of card.



AND,
PLUS...

I'VE
GOT
TO SEE
THAT!

DOH-TEHH!



IF
I RESEARCH
ENOUGH
RUINS....

I MIGHT
BE ABLE
TO FIND
SOME
MORE
CLUES.



HE'S ONLY
BEEN WITH US
FOR TWO
MONTHS, BUT
HE'S BEEN
RESEARCHING
RUINS AND
BEASTS FOR
A WHILE.

HI
THERE,
I'M
NIGEL.



THIS GENTLEMAN
HERE WILL
BE JOINING
YOU TWO.



I'M SURE
YOU ALREADY
KNOW, BUT
DURING THESE
INSPECTIONS,

WE MAKE
ADJUSTMENTS
TO THE SEALS
AND TRAPS.

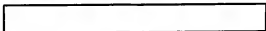
Damrod Ruins Bureau



UM...
WELL,
IT'S A
LONG
STORY.

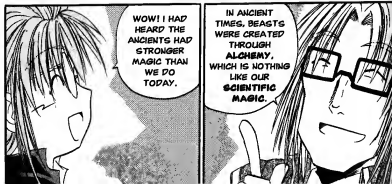
ARE
YOU OKAY,
SOMA?
YOU DON'T
LOOK SO
GOOD.

RUMBLE



COME
ON,
HAVE
MERCY!

I SAID
I WAS
SORRY!



WOW! I HAD
HEARD THE
ANCIENTS HAD
STRONGER
MAGIC THAN
WE DO
TODAY.

IN ANCIENT
TIMES, BEASTS
WERE CREATED
THROUGH
ALCHEMY,
WHICH IS NOTHING
LIKE OUR
SCIENTIFIC
MAGIC.



AND
YOU!



DON'T
JUST STAND
THERE CHIT-
CHATTING!
HELP ME,
DAMN IT!



YOUR
BREATH
STINKS!



I WAS
CONCERNED
ABOUT
YOUR
SAFETY!

COME
ON!
ARE YOU
STILL MAD
AT ME?



HUFF

OKAY.
WE'VE
CLEARED
THE THIRD
TRAP.

HUFF



...



SHE'S
SO BUSY
DIGGING
THINGS UP
THAT SHE
DOESN'T EVEN
HAVE TIME
TO CARE FOR
HER HANDS.



I WAS
BEING
CHILDISH.
I FORGIVE
YOU.

YOU'RE
RIGHT.



AND I AM
SURPRISED
TO SEE
HOW HARD
A VAIZARD'S
WORK
REALLY IS.



WHAT
MADE
YOU
WANT
TO BE A
VAIZARD?

HEY,
SOMA.
COULD
YOU TELL
ME...

OR THAT
THIS
INSPECTION
WORK
WOULD
BE SO
TOUGH!

I DIDN'T
THINK YOU
HAD TO FIGHT
MAGICAL
WEAPONS.



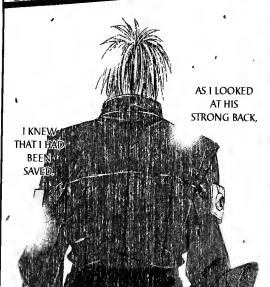
WELL...





WAS A
SINGLE RAY
OF LIGHT...

THAT COULD
PENETRATE THE
OVERWHELMING
DARKNESS
OF DESPAIR.



AS I LOOKED
AT HIS
STRONG BACK,

I KNEW
THAT I HAD
BEEN
SAVED.



WHAT
WAS I
TO
BECOME
A WARRIOR...



DID I SAY
SOMETHING
WRONG?
YOU GOT
QUIET ALL
OF A
SUDDEN.

HUH?

I
WANTED
TO BE
LIKE HIM...

SOMA!

SOMA.



IT WAS
NOTHING
SPECIAL.

I JUST
HAD A ROLE
MODEL.
THAT'S
ALL!



IT'S
OKAY IF
YOU DON'T
WANT
TO TALK
ABOUT
IT.

SC
YEAH,
I
DRIFTED
OFF.
SORRY.



MAYBE
I SHOULDN'T
HAVE
ASKED HIM
ABOUT
THAT.



WE
BETTER
GET
MOVING.
LET'S
GO.

WAIT
UP,
SOMA!



WHOOOOON
おお おお

DOESN'T
IT MAKE
INSPECTING
THE PLACE
A LITTLE
DANGEROUS?

UM...
I WONDER
WHY EXACTLY
THE TRAPS
WERE LEFT
LIKE THIS.



WE
DON'T
HAVE
MUCH
OF A
CHOICE.

EVEN IF
THIS PLACE
IS UNDER OUR
CARE, THERE
ARE STILL
CERTAIN
PRECAUTIONS
WE HAVE
TO TAKE.



HANG
ON,
NIGEL!

O-
OKAY!



OF COURSE...
IT DOES
MAKE
INSPECTING
A LITTLE
DIFFICULT
SOMETIMES.







IF THE
CREATURE
IS
REVIVED?

SOMA
AND ASUKA
ARE **BOTH**
STILL KIDS.
DO YOU THINK
THEY'LL BE
ABLE TO
HANDLE IT...



I'M
SURPRISED A
YOUNGSTER
LIKE HIM
COULD BE A
VAIZARD.



WHICH WAS
USED TO
SUBDUCE THE
MONSTER SO
IT COULD BE
SEALED.



NOW,
THERE USED
TO BE A
CONTROLLER...

THEY'LL
BE FINE.
THEY AN'T
LIKE YOU
GUYS.



OF COURSE,
IT'D BE A
DIFFERENT
STORY IF THE
CONTROLLER
WERE FOUND!



BUT THEN
IT GOT
LOST
DURING THE
COMMOTION
IN THE
DARK ERA.



OH,
THAT'S
A
RELIEF!

BUT I'M
TELLING YA,
THERE'S
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT!



AND
NOBODY
HAS
BROKEN
THE SEAL
SINCE.



YOU
NEVER
TOLD ME
ANYTHING
ABOUT
THIS,
NIGEL!



MY
DOCUMENTS
DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING
ABOUT THE
ROCK TURNING
INTO A
MONSTER!

THEN
WHAT
THE HECK
IS GOING
ON?!



AFTER ALL,
I'M THE ONE
WHO MADE
THAT LITTLE
TREAT.

HEH HEH...
OF COURSE
THEY DIDN'T
KNOW!



LET'S
SEE
WHAT
YOU CAN
DO...

CONSIDER
IT... AN
APPETIZER
BEFORE
THE MAIN
COURSE.



THIS
AIN'T
GETTING
US
ANYWHERE!



ARE WE
ALREADY
SO
CLOSE?!

THERE!
THOSE
STAIRS
LEAD
TO THE
SEALED
AREA.

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO,
SOMA?



!



LITTLE
VAIZARD
BOY.



SOMA?!



NO
CHOICE.



DAMN IT!
I CAN'T
LET THAT
MONSTER
BREAK INTO
THE SEALED
AREA.



YOU
GOT
IT!

I'LL STOP
THAT THING
HERE.
YOU GUYS
GO HIDE
SOMEWHERE!



CLENCH

I'LL
BUST
YOU TO
PIECES...



COME
ON,
YOU
BASTARD!



WITH
MY
GOOD
OLD
RIGHT
FIST!



OOOW!
IT'S
FRICKIN'
HARD!!



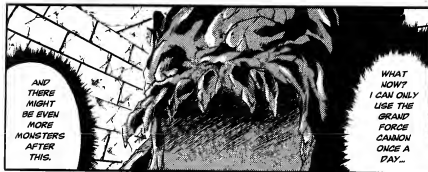
YEAH.
I THINK
SO...

IS HE
REALLY A
VAIZARD?



I SWEAR
I'M
GOING
TO KILL
YOU,

YOU
SON
OF A...



AND
THERE
MIGHT
BE EVEN
MORE
MONSTERS
AFTER
THIS.

WHAT
NOW?
I CAN ONLY
USE THE
GRAND
FORCE
CANNON
ONCE A
DAY...



BRAIN
WORKING
OVERTIME

OKAY.
RELAX,
SOMA.
THERE'S
GOTTA BE
SOME WAY
I CAN BEAT
THIS GUY...



AAAAAUGH!

HE'S BEEN EATEN!



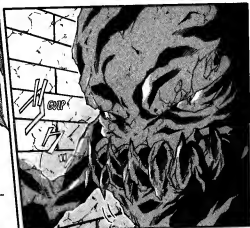
WIDE

OPEN

OKAY,
LET'S
SEE...



MAYBE
IF I...



**NOOOO!
SOMA!!**





RAAAAGH!

G...
GRGH...

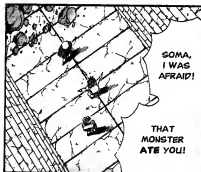




HEH!
JUSTICE
ALWAYS
TRIUMPHS.



SOMA!



SOMA,
I WAS
AFRAID!

THAT
MONSTER
ATE YOU!



HEY,
ASUKA,
DID YOU
SEE
THAT?

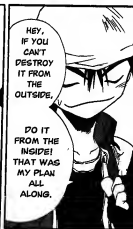
I
FOUGHT
LIKE A
HERO!

SOMA!



OH YEAH?
AND HERE
I THOUGHT IT
CAUGHT YOU
OFF-GUARD!

WELL
ACTUALLY,
THAT'S
PRETTY
MUCH THE
TRUTH...



HEY,
IF YOU
CAN'T
DESTROY
IT FROM
THE
OUTSIDE,

DO IT
FROM THE
INSIDE!
THAT WAS
MY PLAN
ALL
ALONG.



ANYHOW,
LET'S JUST
GET TO
THE SEALED
AREA, ALL
RIGHT?

YEAH,
OKAY.



WHAT'S
THE
DEAL,
NIGEL?

YOU
GUYS DO
MANAGE
THESE
RUINS,
RIGHT?

HOW
THE HECK
COULD
A TRAP
EVOLVE
INTO A
MONSTER?



HE
IS A
VAIZARD.
AFTER
ALL!

IT WAS
NO MATCH
FOR HIM.



THE
FUN IS
JUST
BEGINNING.



BUT...

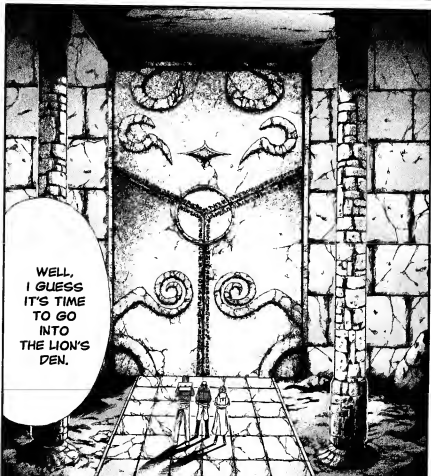


JUST
AS I
THOUGHT.



SURE
WAS A
ROUGH
TRIP...

HERE
WE ARE.
THIS IS
THE
SEALED
AREA.



WELL,
I GUESS
IT'S TIME
TO GO
INTO
THE LION'S
DEN.



YES.
IT'S THE
ALLIANCE'S
SPECIALTY
ITEM, THE
GUARDIAN
DRIVE!



OH, SO
THAT'S
WHAT THEY
WERE
TALKING
ABOUT.

IT'S
MY
TURN
NOW.



IS TO
SWAP
THIS OUT
WITH THE
OLD ONE.

YES,
OUR
JOB



IT
CREATES
A STRONG
ARTIFICIAL
SEAL!

I SAW
ONE OF
THOSE
WHEN
I WAS A
RESEARCH
STUDENT.



THEN,
LET'S
GET TO
WORK.



IT'S NOT
QUITE AS
POWERFUL
AS THE
ORIGINAL...

THE DRIVE
IS AN
IMITATION
OF A PRE-
DARK ERA
MAGICAL
ITEM.

SO WE
HAVE TO
CHANGE
THEM
PERIODICALLY.







THAT
IS THE
SYNTHESIZED
BEAST,
THE
CHIMAERA.

IN THE EARLY
PART OF THE
DARK ERA,
THE LOYALTY
OF THIS LAND
"SAMPLED"
NOW EXTINCT
MAGICAL
BEASTS TO
CREATE THAT
THING.

IT WAS
CREATED TO
COUNTER THE
THREAT OF
FOREIGN
MAGICAL
WEAPONS.

IS
THAT...?





NO WAY!



IT HAS
THE SAME
EMBLEM AS
A JEWEL
ON THE
MONSTER'S
FOREHEAD.



WHERE'S
THE
GUARDIAN
DRIVE?



I THINK
I KNOW
WHO
HAS IT.



REMEMBER
THAT
BRACELET
WE WERE
TALKING
ABOUT?

HEY,
SOMA.

HM?

THERE
IS!



UM...
WHO?



YOU'RE
RIGHT.
THIS
BRACELET
IS...

THEN
I DON'T
NEED TO
HIDE IT
ANYMORE.



HEH, HEH.
SO YOU
NOTICED,
DID
YOU?



THE
CONTROLLER
FOR THIS
CHIMAERA!



IT'S
CALLED
THE
"RAGING
BEAST
BRACELET."





THE
LEGEND
WILL
BE
REBORN!



ACT

3

UNBREAKABLE



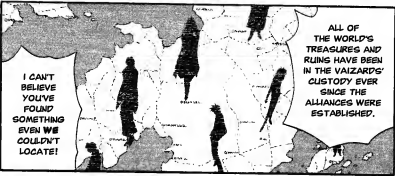


WHERE,
INDEED!

WHERE
DID
YOU
FIND
IT?



THE
RAGING
BEAST
BRACELET?
THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!



ALL OF
THE WORLD'S
TREASURES AND
RUINS HAVE BEEN
IN THE VAIZARDS'
CUSTODY EVER
SINCE THE
ALLIANCES WERE
ESTABLISHED.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU'VE
FOUND
SOMETHING
EVEN WE
COULDN'T
LOCATE!



HELL
NO!

WILL
YOU
COOPER-
ATE
WITH
ME?



IF YOU
WANT
PROOF,
I CAN
GIVE YOU
SOME
RIGHT
NOW.

AS LONG
AS YOU
DON'T
INTERFERE,
THAT IS.



WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?!

NOW,
SHOULD A
VAIZARD
REALLY BE
SO SHORT
TEMPERED?



DON'T
YOU
ALSO
WANT
TO
SEE...

OF
COURSE
I DO!



YOU'RE
FROM THE
ALLIANCE,
TOO!

YOU MUST
KNOW WHAT'LL
HAPPEN IF YOU
REVIVE THAT
MONSTER!



THE
ROARING
FLAMES?
THE
DESOLATION...
THE
DEATH?







YOU
WON'T BE
MOVING
FOR
A WHILE
AFTER
THAT.

THIS
BRACELET
HAS A FEW
DEFENSIVE
PROPERTIES.

THAT
ELECTRIC
FIELD IS
ONE.



DAMN IT...
WHAT
THE HELL
WAS
THAT?

ARE
YOU
OKAY,
SOMA?



D...
DON'T
DO IT!

THE REAL
FUN IS
ABOUT
TO BEGIN!



NOW,
BE
SILENT
AND
WATCH.



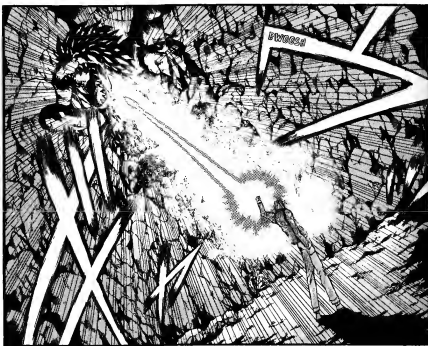
INITIATE!



WOOO



PROGRAM
"CHIMAERA"...







OH
MAN...



HA HA!
CAN YOU
HEAR ITS
HEART
BEATING?



THE
CHIMAERA!
IT'S
COMING
OUT!

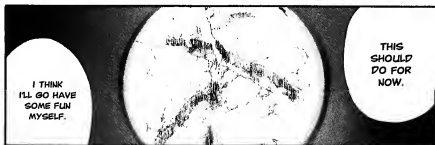


DAMN
THAT
SON
OF A
BITCH!



ZWA-BAM

!!



I THINK
I'LL GO HAVE
SOME FUN
MYSELF.

THIS
SHOULD
DO FOR
NOW.



HEH
HEH
HEH.



THE
TIME IS
COMING...

HE IS
GOING TO
CHANGE
THIS
WORLD!



WE CAN
ESCAPE
THROUGH
THIS
EMERGENCY
GATE!



HANG
IN
THERE,
SOMA.

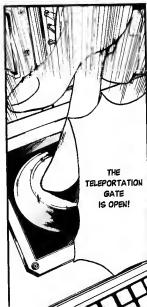


JUST
HURRY,
OKAY?!

WHOA!



YOU
KNOW
HOW
TO USE
IT?



THE
TELEPORTATION
GATE
IS OPEN!



HOW TO
OPERATE
THIS
THING?

BUT SHE'S
NOT EVEN
WITH THE
ALLIANCE.
HOW DOES
SHE KNOW...



I'LL STOP
HIM NO
MATTER
WHAT!
LET'S GO,
ASUKA!!

THAT
WAS A
CLOSE
CALL!

HE'S
GONNA
PAY!

OKAY!



NIGEL
REVIVED
THE
CHIMAERA?

Yeah.
He has the
Raging
Beast
Bracelet.

**WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?!**



HURRY
UP
AND
MEET
US!

WE'RE
GOING
AFTER HIM.
HE MIGHT
ATTACK
THE
NEARBY
TOWNS.



!!



SOMA,
LOOK!

WHY,
THAT
SON
OF
A...



SHE
DRIVES
LIKE A
STUNTMAN,
TOO.
WHAT'S
WITH THIS
GIRL?!





YES,
MLADY.

THAT'S
ENOUGH
FOR
NOW.
COME
BACK,
DEAR.

WOOD



WAUGH!
A
MONSTER!

HELP!



BOON



SOMEBODY
HELP
ME!!







I AM
GOING
TO TEAR
YOU TO
SHREDS.



SO
YOU'VE
COME
HERE
TO DIE,
EH?

EXCELLENT!
THIS
SHOULD
BE MOST
ENTERTAINING.



BUT
IT CAN
STILL CRUSH
PEOPLE LIKE
INSECTS!

IT HASN'T
YET
SHOWN
IT'S FULL
POWER,

THE
BEAST
IS HARD
TO
CONTROL,
YOU SEE.



DO YOU
HAVE
ANY IDEA
WHAT IT'S
LIKE TO BE
BULLIED

AND HURT
FOR NO
REASON?



SHUT
UP,
YOU
ASSHOLE.



I AM
GOING
TO...



IF YOU
REALLY
THINK
YOU
CAN!



OH?
THEN
GIVE IT
YOUR
BEST
SHOT...



H
Y
A
A
A
A
!



MAKE
DAMN
SURE
YOU
KNOW
HOW
IT
FEELS!





THAT'S
RIGHT.
I CAN'T
CONTINUE
FIGHTING
HERE.





IF
I LET THE
VAIZARD LIVE,
HE COULD
BE TROUBLE
LATER.



I'LL
FIGHT
YA!

JUST
LIKE YOU
WANTED!



COME
GET
ME!



THERE WERE
SOME WEAPONS
IN THE CAR.
MAYBE I CAN
HELP HIM WITH
THOSE...



CRAP.
I CAN'T LET
HER GO
ALONE. I'LL
LET YOU
MEN HANDLE
THE REST
HERE.

YES,
SIR!



HEY!
WHERE
ARE
YOU
GOING?



LET'S
GET
THESE
PEOPLE TO
SAFETY
NOW.

WHILE
SOMA'S
DISTRACTING
THE
CHIMAERA.

OKAY!



THERE'S
NO WAY
SOMA CAN
FIGHT THAT
THING ON
HIS OWN.





GIMME
A
BREAK!



WHAT,
IS
THAT
ALL?



RAGING
HOWL!!



HEY,
I'M A
VAIZARD,
PAL.

YOU
CAN DO
BETTER
THAN
THAT!



YES, I
SUPPOSE
SO. HOW
ABOUT
THIS,
THEN?







COME
ON,
YOU
GUYS!
I HAVE
AN
IDEA!



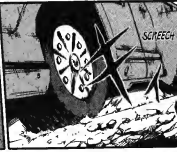
A SHIELD?
A BARRIER...
THAT'S IT!



WE HAVE
TO DO
SOMETHING,
AND
QUICK.



WELL,
WELL...



BUT,
IT'S TOO
LITTLE
TOO
LATE.



IT
LOOKS
LIKE
THEY'RE
GETTING
SERIOUS.





EAT
THIS!



WE'RE
NOT
DONE
YET!



JUST
HOLD ON!
I'M
ALMOST
DONE!!

DAMN,
WE'RE
OUT OF
AMMO!
HURRY
UP,
GIRL!



HE'S
WASTING
HIS
TIME!

IS HE
TRYING
TO HIDE
IN THE
SMOKE?



WHAT
THE—?



DONE!



GUARDIAN
DRIVES...

HERE
WE
GO!



ACTIVATED!!!



A
NETWORK
OF FOUR
GUARDIAN
DRIVES IS
PRETTY
POWERFUL,
ISN'T IT?



IMPOSSIBLE!
HOW COULD
THEY MAKE
SUCH A
STRONG
BARRIER?



YOU
ROCK,
ASUKA!

I DIDN'T
THINK
YOU COULD
DO MUCH
IN SUCH
A SHORT
TIME,

BUT
THAT'S
SIMPLY
AMAZING!



THIS
SYSTEM
WILL BE
ABLE TO
HOLD THE
CHIMAERA
TEMPORARILY.



IT MAY
HAVE
THAT
SHIELD,



ALL
RIGHT.
TIME
TO
FINISH
THEM!



BUT THIS
DRIVE
NETWORK
IS EVEN
MORE
POWERFUL!



DIVINE
FIST,
ACTIVATE!



WH-
WHAT?!



THAT'S
WHAT HE
USED TO
DESTROY
THE
BELMOA'S
MAGICAL
WEAPON.



O
spirits
of
War...

RUMBLE

Hear
my voice,
and
gather
before
me!



DON'T
JUST
STAND
THERE!

WE'LL
DIE IF
WE GET
SUCKED
INTO
THAT!



Let our
powers
be one.

Now,
by the ancient
covenant, lend
me your great
strength!

Together,
we will
destroy evil!



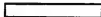
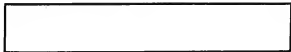


**Grand
Force
Cannon!!!**



*JUST AS
I THOUGHT,
THIS
TECHNIQUE
IS...*





AND
IT'S ALL
THANKS
TO
SOMA.

THIS
COULD HAVE
TURNED
INTO A
WORLD-WIDE
DISASTER.

LUCKILY,
IT WON'T
GO BEYOND
THIS.



WERE
FORTUNATE
IT WAS
ONLY **ONE**
TOWN,

AND
NOT LIKE
IN THE
LEGENDS...



I'M GOING
TO GIVE
THE BOSS
A PIECE OF
MY MIND...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
SOMEONE
FROM OUR
SIDE WAS
THE BAD
GUY.



YOU'RE
REALLY
STRONG,
SOMA!

I'M SO
IMPRESSED
YOU
BEAT
THE
CHIMAERA.



YEAH,
LIKE
HELL!

NO ONE
COULD
HAVE
KNOWN!

C'MON,
DON'T
BE
ANGRY.



HEY,
MISTER!

THE
POWER OF
MY DIVINE
FIST IS...

WELL,
OF COURSE!
I'M THE
(SELF-PROCLAIMED)
STRONGEST
VAIZARD
IN THE
WESTERN
ALLIANCE!



YOU'RE
THAT
KID
FROM
BEFORE...



I JUST
WANTED
TO
THANK
YOU!

WHAT'S
UP?



HUH?

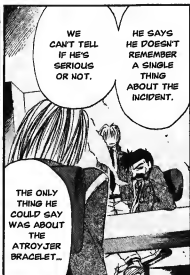




THAT
REALLY
BOTHERS
ME.

SOME
STRANGE
WOMAN
GAVE IT
TO ME.

I DON'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING
AFTER
THAT...



WE
CAN'T TELL
IF HE'S
SERIOUS
OR NOT.

HE SAYS
HE DOESN'T
REMEMBER
A SINGLE
THING
ABOUT THE
INCIDENT.

THE ONLY
THING HE
COULD SAY
WAS ABOUT
THE
ATROYJER
BRACELET...



THAT
MYSTERY
WOMAN
NOT ONLY
HAD THE
BRACELET...

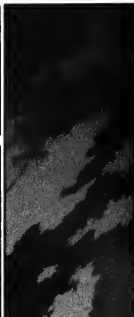


BUT
THE
POWER
TO
CONTROL
PEOPLE,
TOO.



IF NIGEL
WAS
TELLING
THE
TRUTH...

THEN
THE REAL
VILLAIN
IS STILL
AT
LARGE.





WELL,
NO
MATTER.

HE'LL
JUST
SUFFER
ALL
THE
MORE
NEXT
TIME!



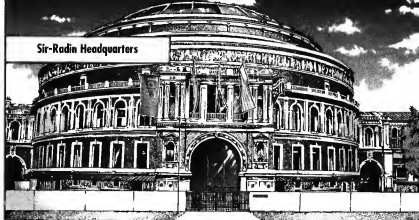
AS
LONG
AS
I GET
THE
SAMPLE.



BUT
THAT
BOY IS
STILL
ALIVE...



Sir-Rodin Headquarters



BUT
YOU
KNOW...



AS
DIRECTOR
OF THE
WESTERN
ALLIANCE,
WHAT IS
YOUR
OPINION?

WILL
HE BE
ABLE TO
HANDLE
THESE
SPECIAL
MISSIONS?



WE'VE
GIVEN SOMA
SPECIAL
MISSIONS
ALONG WITH
THE REGULAR
ONES.

HOWEVER,
THE
CHIMAERA
INCIDENT
WAS TOO
MUCH.

IN
ORDER TO
FURTHER
HIS
TRAINING...



DIRECTOR
LUGUS?



SOMA
IS THE
ONLY ONE
WHO CAN
USE THE
DIVINE FIST.



SO YOU
ALL THINK
SOMA
ISN'T UP
TO THE
CHALLENGE,
THEN?



I BELIEVE
YOU ARE
FORGETTING
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT.

A black and white comic panel showing two men in a room with bookshelves in the background. The man on the left is balding with a mustache, wearing a dark suit, and has his hand to his chin in a thoughtful pose. The man on the right has dark hair and is wearing a light-colored suit with a tie. A large speech bubble from the man on the right is on the right side of the panel.

HAS
THE OTHER
RELIC—
THE DIVINE
FIST'S
COUNTERPART.

AND
THE MAN
WERE
TRYING
TO DEAL
WITH...

A black and white comic panel showing a view through a window with a diamond-patterned frame. The view outside is dark and indistinct. A large speech bubble is in the foreground.

I AM SURE
THAT SOMA IS
THE ONE WHO
CAN DO IT...

A black and white comic panel showing a close-up of a man's face. He has spiky hair and a serious expression. There are three speech bubbles on the right side of the panel.

DO YOU
RECALL
WHEN THE
EASTERN
ALLIANCE
WAS
DESTROYED
13 YEARS
AGO?

OR THE
GUARDIAN'S
GRAVE
INCIDENT
2 YEARS
AGO?

A black and white comic panel showing a close-up of a man with spiky hair and glasses. He is holding a cigarette in his mouth. A large speech bubble is in the foreground.

BECAUSE
HE IS
THE ONE
CHOSEN
TO USE
THE
LEGENDARY
RELIC—
THE DIVINE
FIST.

WE NEED
SOMA'S
POWER
TO STOP
HIM.



WELL,
I'LL BE!
I HAVEN'T
SEEN
YOU FOR
AGES,
SAIRA!



WHAT
BRINGS
YOU
HERE?

I HAD
MY
OWN
MEETING.

OR
SHOULD
I SAY,
MISS
DIRECTOR
OF THE
EASTERN
ALLIANCE?



SO
HOW
DID
YOURS
GO?





WHATRE
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?
HE'S JUST
LIKE YOU
WERE.

NOTHING
BUT A
TROUBLE-
MAKER AND
A LETCH.



THAT
IDIOT
NEEDS TO
CONSIDER
MY
POSITION!

NOTHING
BUT
COMPLAINTS.



SO WHY
DON'T WE
SPEND SOME
QUALITY
TIME
TOGETHER?

SORRY,
I'M JUST
TOO BUSY.
I DON'T
HAVE
TIME FOR
YOU.

WELL,
ANYHOW,
WE
HAVEN'T
SEEN
EACH
OTHER IN
A WHILE...



STROKE

Why
YOU...

STROKE

BY THE
WAY, YOU
STILL HAVE
A NICE BUTT,
SAIRA.



HOW
ODD THAT
YOU'D
GO TO
SEE HIM.

NOW
THAT'S
COLD!
OH WELL,
I'LL JUST
GO BOTHER
SOMA.



I HAVE
SOME THINGS
I NEED TO
TELL HIM.



WHEN
the hell
are you
going to give
up that
annoying
habit?

PASSED



HEY,
I WAS JUST
JOKING
AROUND!
WON'T YOU
FORGIVE ME?
PLEASE?



WHAT
DO
YOU
THINK?



HUH?!



I
KNEW
IT!



THAT
CAME
FROM THE
BIBANO
FAMILY'S
HOUSE!

WHOA,
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



EITHER
WAY,
IT LOOKS
LIKE
THERE'S
NO TRACE
OF THE
HOUSE
LEFT.

WAS
IT A
VENDETTA
OR
SOMETHING?

OR
A POLICE
RAID,
MAYBE?





AS LONG
AS YOU
KEEP
STEALING
ANCIENT
TREASURES

AND
COMMITTING
CRIMES
LIKE
YOU DO...

WE
VAIZARDS
ARE GONNA
TAKE
YOU DOWN.
EVERY
TIME!

YOU
STINKIN'
GANGSTERS
LEARNED
YOUR
LESSON
YET?



ASUKA.

IF
ANYTHING
EVER
HAPPENED
TO...

OH,
SOMA,
I WAS
SO
WORRIED!



IT'S
ALL
RIGHT!
I'M
FINE!

YOU
WORRY
ABOUT
ME TOO
MUCH!

THERE
WAS
SUCH
A HUGE
EXPLOSION!



OH,
I'M SO
GLAD THE
BOOK
WASN'T
DAMAGED!





I'M WORKING
SO HARD.

POOR GUY...

NOW,
LISTEN!
THIS
BOOK...



YES!

DEFINITELY!

YOU THINK
THAT BOOK
IS MORE
VALUABLE
THAN ME?!



NOW WE
CAN FINALLY
START
RESEARCHING
JABER
AGAIN!

I HEARD
THIS BOOK
TELLS OF THAT
CIVILIZATION
AND THE
KINGDOM'S
HIDDEN
GOLD MINES.

WAS
STOLEN
FROM
THE RUINS OF
THE KINGDOM
OF JABER,
WHICH
THRIVED
700 YEARS
AGO.



HOW
DID YOU
GET THAT
KISS?

IF YOU
WERE
WORKING
SO HARD
TO
RECAPTURE
THE BOOK,

FLINCH



BY THE
WAY...
YOU SAID
SOMETHING
ABOUT
WORKING
HARD.



WELL,
ACTUALLY...



IT'D ALSO
LIKE TO
HEAR THE
DETAILS
ON THAT
EXPLOSION.

FRENK!



I
SAW...



GETTING
ONTO THE
PROPERTY WAS
A SNAP, BUT
WHEN I WAS
ABOUT TO
ENTER A
BEDROOM OFF
THE BALCONY...



SHE SAID
SHE WAS
THERE TO
PAY OFF
A DEBT...



A GIRL
GETTING
DRESSED
IN THAT
ROOM!



THANK YOU!

BUT!



SO
I WENT
WITH
HER.

AND
SHE WOULD
TELL ME
THE
LOCATION
OF THE
BOOK IF
I COULD
GET HER
OUT.

EH HEH



SO YOU
GOT CAUGHT
BY HER
FEMININE
WILES?

YEP.
IT'S A
MAN'S
SAD
FATE.

IT TURNED
OUT SHE WAS
THE DON'S
DAUGHTER!
I WAS TIED UP
IN THE
BASEMENT
AND TORTURED
WITH A WHIP
AND CANDLES!

AND
WHEN
I FINALLY
REACHED
IT...

I MADE A
CUNNING
ESCAPE
AND WENT
LOOKING
FOR THE
BOOK.

BUT I
DIDN'T
JUST SIT
THERE
AND
TAKE IT!

THEY
CAME
RIGHT
AFTER
ME.

THE
MAFIA WAS
JUST ABOUT
TO SELL IT OFF.
OF COURSE,
THE MINUTE
THEY SAW ME...



I FINALLY
CORNERED
THE BOSS,
AND TOLD
HIM TO COME
QUIETLY...



BUT
I'M A WELL-
TRAINED
VAIZARD.
THEY
COULDN'T
DO ANYTHING
TO ME!



BUT HE
WENT WILD
AND STARTED
SHOOTING
EVERYWHERE.
UNFORTUNATELY,
THE ROOM WE
WERE IN WAS
THEIR **WEAPONS
STOCKPILE.**



ALL THE
GUNPOWDER
CAUGHT
FIRE AND
EXPLODED.





HUH?

AH,
IT'S
YOU!!



YOU
COULDN'T
HAVE DONE
ANYTHING
ABOUT THE
EXPLOSION,
BUT THAT
GIRL...

YUP,
THEY DON'T
CALL HIM
THE
"EROTIC
DESTROYER"
FOR
NOTHING!



HEY,
SOMA.
YOU SEEM
TO BE
DOING ALL
RIGHT.

DIRECTOR
LUGUS!



LUGUS
IS HERE?
NOT GOOD
AT ALL!

WELL,
THERE
WAS
THAT,
TOO,
BUT...

DID
THEY
TELL
YOU
TO FIRE
ME?

BUT
YOU GOT
ME OFF
THE HOOK,
RIGHT?
RIGHT?!



SOMETHING
YOU WANT
TO TALK
ABOUT?

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE?!







THEY
SEEM TO
THINK
IT'S **SPARRING**,
BUT IT LOOKS
LIKE A FIGHT
TO ME.

THOSE
TWO FIGHT
EVERY TIME
THEY MEET.



WHAT
RUMOR?

SO
THE
RUMOR
WAS
TRUE...

AND
HIS PUPIL,
SOMA
RAITEST, THE
"EROTIC
DESTROYER."



LUGUS
GISCURDO,
THE
ALLIANCE'S
"TIGER OF
THE GALE,"

THE
INSECTOR.



SO NIGEL
WAS
BEING
CONTROLLED...
BUT
HOW?

FAMOUS?
HOW
SO?

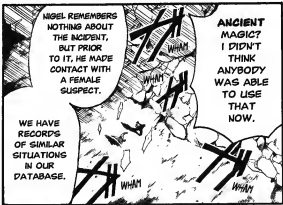
THEY'RE
KIND
OF
FAMOUS
IN THE
ALLIANCE.

IT'S AN
ANCIENT MIND
CONTROL MAGIC
THAT USES
INSECTS AS
A SORT OF
CATALYST.





BUT
THE KEY
HERE IS THAT
**MAGICAL
ENERGY** WAS
DETECTED
IN THE
WOUNDS ON
HIS NECK.



NIGEL REMEMBERS
NOTHING ABOUT
THE INCIDENT,
BUT PRIOR
TO IT, HE MADE
CONTACT WITH
A FEMALE
SUSPECT.

WE HAVE
RECORDS
OF SIMILAR
SITUATIONS
IN OUR
DATABASE.

**ANCIENT
MAGIC?**
I DIDN'T
THINK
ANYBODY
WAS ABLE
TO USE
THAT
NOW.



AND
MAYBE
SOMEONE
ELSE WAS
GIVING
HER THE
ORDERS.

THEN THE
WOMAN
WHO HAD
THE RAGING
BEAST
BRACELET
WAS
CONTROLLING
NIGEL...



IT'S
DEFINITELY
POSSIBLE.

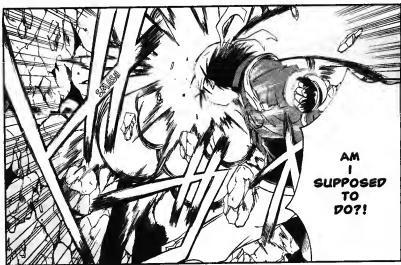


DO
YOU
THINK...
IT'S
HIM?





THEN
WHAT
THE
HELL...



AM
I
SUPPOSED
TO
DO?!





FOR NOW,
JUST
CONCENTRATE
ON GETTING
STRONGER.



THEY'LL
COME AFTER
YOU
EVENTUALLY.
THAT WAS
OUR PLAN,
RIGHT?

BE PATIENT.
JUST USE
YOUR DIVINE
FIST LIKE
YOU'VE BEEN
DOING.



AND
THEN
NEXT
TIME...



YOU'LL
BEAT HIM
WITH YOUR
OWN
HANDS.



ANOTHER
ONE
ALREADY?

AND BY
THE WAY,
ABOUT
YOUR
NEXT
MISSION...





HMM.

PARDON
ME,
BUT IS
SOMETHING
WRONG?

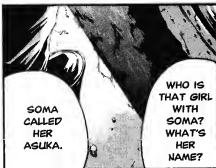


THAT
WAS NICE
WORK
TODAY,
DIRECTOR
LUGUS.



ASUKA...

THAT'S IT!
I WAS
RIGHT!!



SOMA
CALLED
HER
ASUKA.

WHO IS
THAT GIRL
WITH
SOMA?
WHAT'S
HER
NAME?



YES.
THE TERRORISTS
USED A
MAGICAL WEAPON,
SO THE ALLIANCE
WAS CALLED
IN TO DEAL
WITH IT.

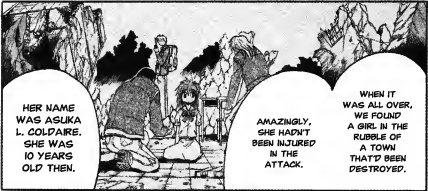
REMEMBER
THE
TERRORIST
ATTACK
IN CENTRAL
6 YEARS
AGO?



HA HA

OF ALL
THE PEOPLE
TO END UP
WITH!
WATCH OUT,
SOMA!

WHAT'S
WRONG?
WHO IS
SHE?



HER NAME
WAS ASUKA
L. COLDAIRE.
SHE WAS
10 YEARS
OLD THEN.

AMAZINGLY,
SHE HADN'T
BEEN INJURED
IN THE
ATTACK.

WHEN IT
WAS ALL OVER,
WE FOUND
A GIRL IN THE
RUBBLE OF
A TOWN
THAT'D BEEN
DESTROYED.



YEAH.
MOST OF
THE ALLIANCE'S
SPONSORS
ARE
GOVERNMENTAL
AGENCIES...

COLDAIRE?

THEN
IS SHE
FROM...



THE
COLDAIRE
FOUNDATION.
SHE'S
THE
DAUGHTER
OF THE
COLDAIRE
FAMILY!



THERE'S
ONLY
ONE
PRIVATE
SPONSOR—

VAIZARD VOLUME 1

BY THE BASTARD TEAM

FIND US AND OUR RELEASES AT
THEBASTARTEAM.CZ.CC

